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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Oak Grove Fire

Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire; @usfsdnf
(Use hashtag #OakGroveFire)

Summary: The fire was active today increasing in size from 20 acres as was first reported on the morning of 9/8/15 and increased to approximately 300 acres this evening. A Color Country Interagency Type 3 Management Team transitioned this evening from a Type 4 complexity. Forest Service road #032 an unpaved road is closed as well as the Oak Grove Campground. The Oak Grove Campground was evacuated in the morning of 9/8/15. Expect to see smoke from I15 corridor from St. George to Cedar City, Utah. Weather forecast shows a high pressure system over the area with an increase in temperatures and dry conditions.

The fire is located in steep terrain within the Pine Valley Wilderness. No structures are threatened at this time. "The Pine Valley Wilderness area provides municipal water to local communities including St. George. The objective is to contain the fire quickly to protect the municipal watershed," said Joe Rechsteiner, Pine Valley District Ranger.

Firefighter and public safety is the number one consideration in all wildfire management decisions.

Cooperation and collaboration with other federal agencies; state, local, and tribal government agencies; and volunteer fire departments are critical to safe and effective wildfire response.

Start Date: fire reported Tuesday morning, September 8, 2015

Location: Located within the Pine Valley Wilderness and three miles southeast of Oak Grove Campground.

Jurisdiction: Pine Valley Ranger, District Dixie National Forest

Fire Size: Estimated at 300 acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field).

Cause: Natural Cause-lightening

Fire Behavior: Torching, running, and spotting fire behavior is observed. Fire behavior is expected to diminish with lower temperatures and increase in humidity in the evening hours.

Closures: As a precaution Forest Service road #032 to Oak Grove and Oak Grove Campground are closed and the campground has been evacuated. The public and media are urged to use caution in the area to allow fire personnel access.

Structures: No structures are threatened

Percent Contained: 0%

Fuels: Pinyon and Juniper, Oak Brush, Mixed Conifer and Brush.

Fire Crews/Resources: Local resources on scene are 4 engines from Forest Service, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and Bureau of Land Management, Leeds Fire Department.

2 hotshot crews will arrive Wednesday 9/9/15, Aerial Supervision aircraft (Air Attack), 4 Single engine air tankers (SEATS), type 3 helicopter.

The fire has transitioned to the Color Country Type 3 incident management team.

Evacuations: Oak Grove Campground was evacuated as a precaution

Injuries: No injuries have been reported.

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